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1. THE LONG-RUMORED CHANGES AT SUB-CABINET LEVELS IN THE FINANCE MINISTRY WERE ANNOUNCED JANUARY 17.
2. THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR REVENUE, IGNACIO PICHARDO, WAS REPLACED BY GUILLERMO PRIETO FORTUN. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CREDIT, GILBERTO ESCOBEDO, WAS TRANSFERRED Laterally TO BE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FINANCIAL PLANNING. HIS PREVIOUS JOB WAS SPLIT IN TWO, WITH FRANCISCO VIZCAYA NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR BANKS, INSURANCE COMPANIES AND SECURITIES, AND WITH JESUS SILVA HERZOG AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CREDIT. THE OFFICIAL MAYOR, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, ENRIQUE AZUARA SALAS, WAS REPLACED BY SALVADOR TRUEBA RODRIGUEZ.
3. UNDER-SECRETARY DE LA MADRID IS GOING TO REMAIN IN HIS POSITION, ACCORDING TO MOST OBSERVERS. THE OTHER UNDER-SECRETARY, OSCAR REYES RETANA, HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH INVOLVEMENT IN A COFFEE SMUGGLING RING, BUT SEEMS SECURE, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

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4. PRIETO FORTUN IS 42 YEARS OLD, IS A LAWYER AND HAS BEEN IN THE TAX OFFICE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE DID PRACTICE LAW FROM MID-1975 TO EARLY 1977 WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE FINANCE MINISTRY AS DIRECTOR IN CHIEF, FISCAL ADMINISTRATION. IN FEBRUARY 1977, HE PARTICIPATED IN AN IRS ORIENTATION PROGRAM IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C., DALLAS AND AUSTIN,

TEXAS OFFICES. HE IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE IRS OFFICE IN THE EMBASSY WHICH HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIM FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH.

5. JESUS SILVA HERZOG IS A CAREER BANK OF MEXICO OFFICIAL, WHO SERVED AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CREDIT IN THE EARLY 1970'S. HE LEFT THIS JOB TO BECOME THE FIRST HEAD OF INFONAVIT, THE GOM-SPONSORED WORKERS' HOUSING PROGRAM. HE LOST THIS JOB WITH THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION AND RETURNED TO THE BANK OF MEXICO WHERE HE HANDLED THE SO-CALLED BACK-TO-BACK LOAN PROGRAM. ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON SILVA HERZOG, WHO MAY BE BEGINNING A POLITICAL COMEBACK, WAS SENT IN MEXICO A-96, MARCH 31, 1976.

6. VIZCAYA IS AROUND FORTY YEARS OF AGE AND APPEARS TO HAVE SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER AT THE FINANCE MINISTRY.

7. TRUEBA WORKED AT NACIONAL FINANCIERA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS WHERE HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN FINANCE SECRETARY IBARRA. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A PRIVATE BUSINESS GROUP.

8. ESCOBEDO IS REPORTEDLY UNHAPPY ABOUT HIS LATERAL TRANSFER WHICH IS TO A MUCH LESS INFLUENTIAL JOB. LUCEY

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